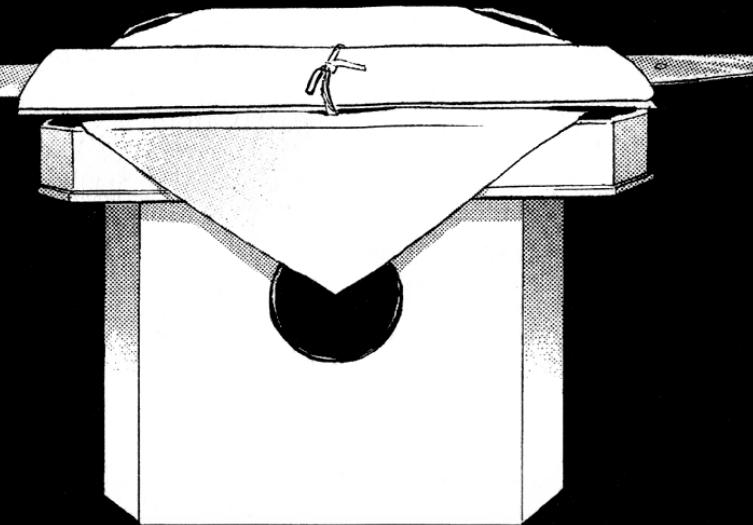


SECOND  
YEAR OF  
GENJI (1865)

TWENTY-THIRD  
DAY OF THE  
SECOND  
MONTH

SHINSENGUMI  
VICE-COMMANDER  
SANNAN KEISUKE  
COMMITTED  
SEPPUKU FOR  
THE "VIOLATION  
OF THE  
SHINSENGUMI  
REGULATIONS."



SANNAN HAD  
BEEN THEIR  
COMRADE  
EVER SINCE  
THEY WERE  
AT THE  
SHIEIKAN IN  
EDO.

HIS  
KAISHAKUNIN\*  
WAS  
FIRST SQUAD  
CAPTAIN  
OKITA SOUJI.

すずはら篠  
*shino suruhara Presents*

DISTANT  
THUNDER

雷

遠

\* an assistant appointed to behead an individual who has performed seppuku



SAITO-SAN.

I  
UNDERSTAND  
HOW YOU  
FEEL.

SANNAN  
WAS A  
"GOOD  
PERSON."

BUT YOU  
HAVEN'T SHOWN  
UP AT THE  
HEADQUARTERS  
FOR TWO DAYS  
NOW.

SINCE YOU'RE  
NOT  
ANSWERING  
OUR ORDERS...

ARE YOU  
TRYING  
TO  
ESCAPE?

GUH

HOW DID  
IT COME  
TO THIS...

I'M SORRY,  
BUT PLEASE  
LEAVE ME  
ALONE FOR  
A WHILE.

DID  
HIJIKATA  
SEND  
YOU?

SANNAN  
-SAN  
WAS OUR  
FRIEND EVER  
SINCE WE  
WERE IN  
TAMA...



THWACK





RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

WHAT MAKES HIM UNABLE  
TO TRUST PEOPLE

IS NOT ANYONE ELSE

BUT HE HIMSELF —

CLINK

HIJIKATA-SAN IS A CAUTIOUS PERSON.

... REALLY,

THAT'S HOW HE'S ALWAYS BEEN.

CHUCKLE

HIS HEAD IS FILLED WITH THOUGHTS ABOUT MAKING OUR TROOPS INVINCIBLE.

WILL SOMEDAY BECOME A PILE OF CORPSES.

EVERYTHING AROUND HIM

ROBBLE

IF HE KEEPS DOUBTING EVERYONE LIKE THAT...

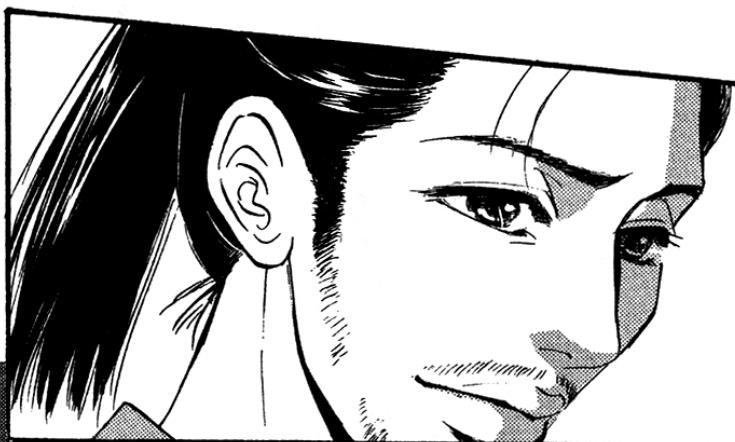
I KNOW THIS, BUT

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CREATES THE CORPSES, AREN'T YOU?

OKITA-SAN?

RIGHT,  
SAITO-  
SAN?

AND YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
SUPPORTING  
ME FROM  
BEHIND THE  
SCENES—



RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

LET'S  
HEAD  
BACK.

A STORM  
IS  
COMING.



# 新選組 沖田総司

Shinsengumi  
Okita Souji

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煌の残像

Shining Afterimage (Kirameki no Zanzo)  
from ピチコミックス Pichi Comics

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Distant Thunder

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